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I N I T I A T I V E P E T I T I O N

The Elections Division received a draft ballot title from the Attorney General on May 12, 2022, for Initiative Petition **2024-003**, proposed for the November 5, 2024, General Election.

Caption

Criminalizes injuring or killing animals, including killing for food, hunting, fishing; criminalizes breeding practices. Exceptions

Chief Petitioners

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Comments

Written comments concerning the legal sufficiency of the draft ballot title may be submitted to the Elections Division. Comments will be delivered to the Attorney General for consideration when certifying the ballot title.

Additionally, the Secretary of State is seeking public input on whether the petition complies with the procedural constitutional requirements established in the Oregon Constitution for initiative petitions. The Secretary will review any procedural constitutional comments received by the deadline and decide whether the petition complies with constitutional requirements.

To be considered, draft ballot title comments and procedural constitutional requirement comments must be received in their entirety by the Elections Division no later than 5 pm.

Comments Due

May 26, 2022

How to Submit

Scan and Email: irrlistnotifier.sos@sos.oregon.gov

Fax: 503.373.7414

Mail: 255 Capitol St NE Ste 501, Salem OR 97310

More information, including the draft ballot title and text of the petition, is contained under [2024 Initiatives, Referendums and Referrals](#) available at www.oregonvotes.gov.

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May 12, 2022

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255 Capitol St. NE, Suite 501
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Re: Proposed Initiative Petition — Criminalizes Injuring or Killing Animals, Including Killing for Food, Hunting, Fishing; Criminalizes Breeding Practices. Exceptions.

DOJ File #BT-03-22; Elections Division #2024-003

Dear Ms. Scroggin:

We have prepared and hereby provide to you a draft ballot title for the above-referenced prospective initiative petition. The proposed measure relates to criminalizing death or injury of animals.

Written comments from the public are due to you within ten business days after your receipt of this draft title. A copy of all written comments provided to you should be forwarded to this office immediately thereafter.

A copy of the draft ballot title is enclosed.

Sincerely,

/s/ Megan Bradley

Megan Bradley
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Enclosure

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DRAFT BALLOT TITLE

Criminalizes injuring or killing animals, including killing for food, hunting, fishing; criminalizes breeding practices. Exceptions

Result of “Yes” Vote: “Yes” vote criminalizes injuring or killing animals, including farming, ranching, hunting, fishing, trapping, pest control, research/teaching. Exceptions for veterinary practices, self-defense. Criminalizes breeding practices.

Result of “No” Vote: “No” vote retains current law allowing injury/death in various circumstances, including for purposes of farming for food, hunting, fishing, trapping, pest control, animal research.

Summary: Under current law, many activities that do or may kill or injure animals are lawful, including animal husbandry practices; slaughtering livestock and poultry; animal breeding practices; fishing, hunting, and trapping; wildlife management practices; rodeos; scientific and agricultural research and teaching; control of vermin and nuisance animals; reasonable handling, training techniques. Proposed measure would make those practices, and other common practices involving animals, criminal offenses if injury/death occurs. Criminalizes animal breeding practices for domestic, livestock, and equine animals that involve impregnation; masturbation; touching mouth, anus, or sexual organs of the animal. Exception for “good veterinary practices” (undefined) and self-defense. Applies to mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish. Eliminating hunting/fishing licenses would remove funding from wildlife conservation efforts by Department of Fish and Wildlife. Other provisions.